

## REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 28, 2004, the Office rejected claims 1-45 variously pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102 and 103, respectively. Still further, the Office indicated in the first Action that 46-54 were deemed allowable over the art of record.

Yet further in the recent Office Action, the Office indicated that claims 16, 19, 25, 26, 32, 37 and 45 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicant has amended the application consistent with the recent holding of the Patent and Trademark Office. Claims 6, 19, 25, 26, 32, and 45 have been amended into independent form. These claims further incorporate the limitations of the base claim from which they previously depended. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-5, 7-18, 20-24, 27-31, and 33-44 by means of the present amendment. Claims 6, 19, 25, 26, 32, and 45 are hereby amended and 46-54 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing, it would appear that this application is now in condition for allowance for claims 6, 19, 25, 26, 32, 45 and 46-54, respectively.

Applicant, by and through their counsel, would request that the Office telephone the attorneys in the event that a further telephone conference could expedite the prompt allowance of the present application.

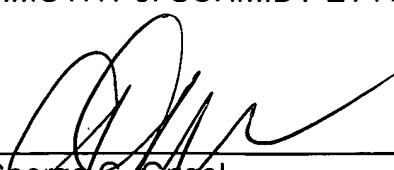
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